

Condition of Building of Mandasaur Telephone Exchange, M.P.

5910. SHRI B. R. NAHATA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the class of building constructed for Mandasaur Telephone Exchange in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the condition of building, its plaster, roofing and other portions of the building; and

(c) whether this type of building has made it an inefficient Exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Mandasaur Telephone Exchange is a permanent structure.

(b) The building has been inspected by an Executive Engineer (Civil) and found structurally sound. Plaster has however been found peeling at certain places. Steps are being taken to replaster, wherever necessary.

(c) The peeling plaster has created some dust requiring slightly more frequent cleaning. Efficiency of the exchange has however not been adversely affected to any significant extent on this account.

Restoration of Express Delivery System in Postal Service

5911. SHRI S. SINGRAVADIVAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are representations from the public for the restoration of Express Delivery System in the postal service enabling the delivery of the un-registered letters even on holidays;

(b) will the Government treat this as a utility service and comply with the request;

(c) what steps are being taken to revive the Express Delivery System in the Postal Service; and

(d) when it will be revived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) to (d). There has been representations from certain quarters for the restoration of the Express Delivery Service. The proposal for its revival was considered in depth by the Department. Keeping in view its limited base, it has been decided not to re-introduce the service.

Agitation by Employees of F.C.I. Rajkot

5912. SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees and Union workers of the Food Corporation of India Employee's Association—Gujarat Region at Rajkot Branch were on relay fast and on agitation between December, 1979 and 20th January, 1980;

(b) if so, what were their demands;

(c) how the agitation was withdrawn;

(d) the assurances which were given by the management officials at Rajkot and Ahmedabad; and

(e) the steps taken to implement the assurances and the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands of the employees were that the F.C.I.:

(i) should construct their own godowns;

(ii) should not release storage capacity in Saurashtra hired from private parties; and

(iii) should not transfer staff.

(c) and (d). The agitation was withdrawn when the management